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In re patent application of:)	Before the Examiner
Young et al.)	Steven J. Cotroneo
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Application Serial No. 10/695,067)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: October 28, 2003)	Ref. No. MSDI-1002/PC767.00
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MULTI-AXIAL CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR)	January 22, 2010
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS)	

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 22, 2009, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. No additional fees or extensions of time are believed to be due with regard to the filing of this response. However, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue/publication fees.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-31, 33-46, 49, 51-55 and 57-63 were pending in the subject application for the non-final Office Action dated October 22, 2009. Each of the pending claims has been rejected on various grounds. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.